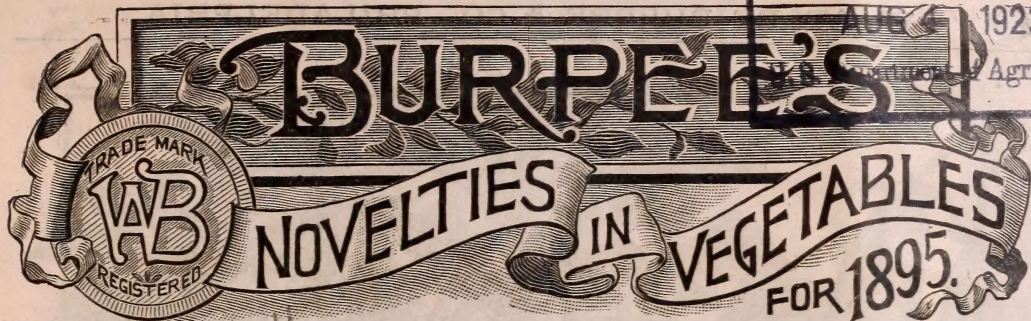
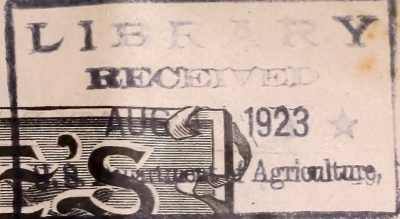


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With the following pages we give special prominence not only to several distinct NOVELTIES FOR 1895 now first offered, but also to various important introductions of recent years. Each is faithfully described from careful observation, and all are worthy. Thousands of thorough trials of vegetables are annually conducted at FORDHOOK FARM, it being our invariable custom to "Prove all things and hold fast to that which is good."

Under no circumstances will we introduce a variety *simply because it is NEW*. A novelty must be of *actual value* to win a place in our catalogue. We never recommend a variety merely because "there is money in it." You may fully rely *on all that is told* in describing these novelties. The unequalled record on page 20 shows the success we have had in the introduction of **only NOVELTIES of real merit.**

PHILADELPHIA, November 15th, 1894.

To the Seed Trade:—

We take pleasure in handing you thus early this circular of **NOVELTIES and SPECIALTIES for 1895**, so that you can include some of these important varieties in your catalogue for 1895. On an order of sufficient size we will furnish electrotypes of any of these illustrations free of charge.

All of these varieties promise to prove of *permanent value*, and cannot fail to add to the attractiveness of your catalogue. As we have made our offers herein very liberal to the trade, allowing a good margin, we must request that *you do not catalogue any of these below our established retail prices*, which will be made known on application.

The outlook for the coming spring trade is quite encouraging, and nothing can be gained by "cutting" retail prices,—certainly not on meritorious novelties, upon which there should be a good margin to pay for the larger space they require in catalogues to have sufficient notice for their proper introduction.

We know these specialties will please your trade. Shall we hear from you?

Yours truly,

WAREHOUSES:

475 and 477 North Fifth St.,
476 and 478 York Avenue.

W. ATLEE BURPEE & CO.,

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

SEED GARDENS and Trial Grounds at FORDHOOK FARM.



As with the making of books, so of the introduction of new Beans of late years, there seems to be no end. Yet we need make no apology for the introduction of the STRINGLESS GREEN POD, which we have been watching for several years, when we state that, many as are the varieties, this is **the first and only absolutely stringless green-pod bush bean**. In quality it surpasses all other varieties of dwarf green-podded beans known to-day.

When first introduced last season (only in sealed packets) we prefaced our remarks with the words above. Upon our recommendation many thousands of gardeners purchased the seed for trial, with the result that it has everywhere proved unequaled. Of all green-podded bush beans this rare variety is decidedly **the earliest and BEST**.

BURPEE'S STRINGLESS GREEN POD is most happily named, as it is quite unique,—*the only stringless green-pod bush bean in cultivation*. Consequently it surpasses all others in crisp, tender flavor. The illustration herewith shows the width and thickness of the beautiful, straight, green pods taken from nature; *all are absolutely stringless* and of the beautiful fleshy appearance shown. When we add that the pods are ready to market **two weeks earlier** than the best stock of *Improved Extra Early Red Valentines*, in fact, even earlier than the *Early Yellow Six Weeks*, which, as all know, is valuable only for its extra earliness, being of inferior quality, we are sure that **BURPEE'S STRINGLESS GREEN POD** will supply a long-felt want. It must prove of immense value not only to the market gardener who wants to *make more money*, but also to the amateur who seeks a *rare quality early* for the home table.

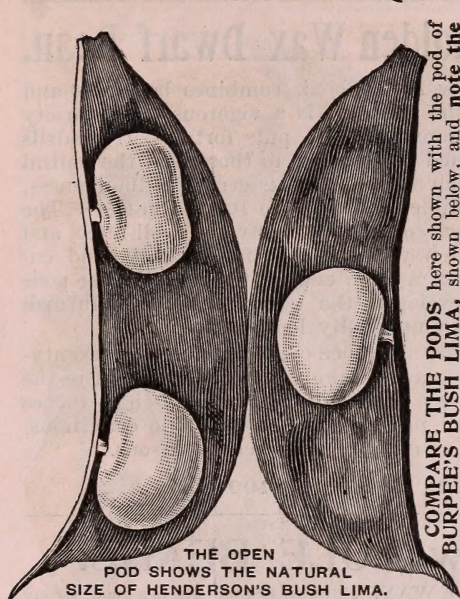
Wholesale,

\$3.50 per peck; \$13.50 per bushel

Our customers who know the good qualities of **BURPEE'S SADDLEBACK WAX** will be pleased to hear that this unique new variety originated with the same growers, MESSRS. KEENEY & SON, of Genesee County, New York, who write:—"The new **STRINGLESS GREEN-POD BEAN**, of which you are the fortunate purchaser, is **the only absolutely stringless green-podded Bean** in the market to-day, and it is even *earlier* than the *Long Yellow Six Weeks*, while the pod is round and full, and longer and straighter than the *Red Valentine*, and therefore is *superior to either of these varieties in appearance, as well as in quality*. It is the result of five years of careful work combining the desirable qualities of the *Yosemite Mammoth Wax*, *Burpee's Saddleback Wax*, and *Ne Plus Ultra*, and it is our best selection out of over two hundred varieties. It gets its round pod and stringlessness from the *Yosemite* and *Saddleback*, and its long, straight, handsome green pod from the *Ne Plus Ultra*. It is hardy and prolific, and is **destined to supersede the Red Valentine**, which is undoubtedly the most popular green-podded Bean in use to-day. Yours truly, N. B. KEENEY & SON."

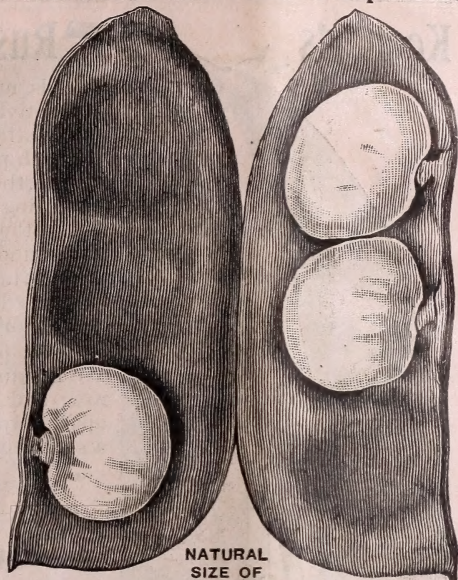
All the FOUR BUSH LIMAS

Shown in _____
Fair Comparison.



THE OPEN
POD SHOWS THE NATURAL
SIZE OF HENDERSON'S BUSH LIMA.

COMPARE THE PODS here shown with the pod of BURPEE'S BUSH LIMA, shown below, and note the contrast. All three illustrations, engraved from nature, natural size, first appeared in the Special Bush Lima Bean number of THE RURAL NEW YORKER, October 19, 1889, and are copied by permission. Thoroughly impartial, THE RURAL NEW YORKER has each year since borne testimony to the incomparable value of BURPEE'S BUSH LIMA, referring to it as "The best of the Dwarf Limas."



NATURAL
SIZE OF
THE KUMERLE OR DREER'S BUSH LIMA.

HENDERSON'S BUSH LIMA BEAN.

The illustration of the open pod, taken by permission from THE RURAL NEW YORKER of October 19, 1889, shows the natural size of the beans and pods. While the beans are small (being of the *Sieva* or *Sewee* type, known in the South as "butter-beans"), yet they are ready for the table earlier than the Large Lima, and the little pods, growing in clusters, are plentiful. The compact, dwarf bushes are of hardy growth and very prolific, bearing continuously until the end of the season.

Wholesale, \$4.50 per bushel.

KUMERLE, THORBURN'S, OR DREER'S BUSH LIMA.

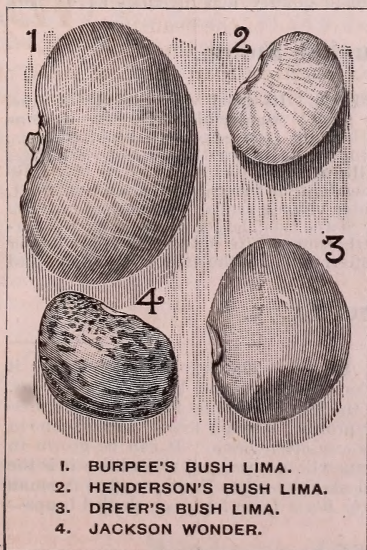
This is a true bush form of the small, chubby Dreer's or Potato Pole Lima. It originated with a market gardener in Northern New Jersey, and the bushes grow from one and a half to two feet high, of vigorous growth and quite prolific, the prize bush in 1892 bearing one hundred and eighty-five pods. A natural-size pod is shown above; neither pods nor beans are nearly so large as BURPEE'S BUSH LIMA, while they are also late in maturing.

Wholesale, \$6.50 per bushel.

JACKSON WONDER DWARF LIMA.

Although not sustaining the extravagant claims made by the introducers, yet, after three years' careful comparative trials at FORDHOOK FARM, we would pronounce it a prolific strain of the Speckled Sieva, or small Lima, of established bush character and real merit, resembling *Henderson's Bush Lima*, but larger in size of beans, with better filled pods. "It is also more easily shelled than the Henderson Lima."

Wholesale, \$4.75 per bushel.

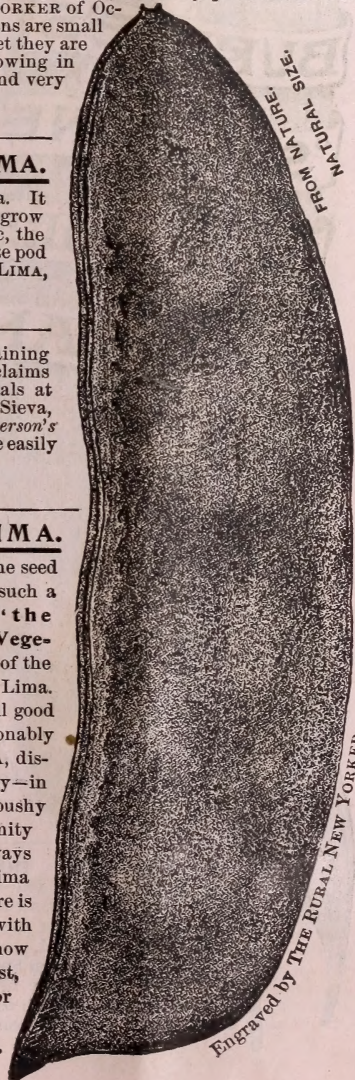


1. BURPEE'S BUSH LIMA.
2. HENDERSON'S BUSH LIMA.
3. DREER'S BUSH LIMA.
4. JACKSON WONDER.

BURPEE'S BUSH LIMA.

Never before in the history of the seed trade has any variety created such a profound sensation as this, "the most remarkable of New Vegetables;" the ONLY bush-form of the TRUE delicious large Lima. It is pronounced by all good judges as unquestionably THE REAL BUSH LIMA, distinct and superior in every way—in its splendidly vigorous, upright, bushy habit of growth, great uniformity and trueness to type, and always bearing the delicious large Lima beans in great abundance. There is absolutely nothing to compare with it. The largest Lima Beans can now be raised in quantity at small cost, without the expense and labor attached to the use of poles.

Wholesale, \$7.50 per bushel.



FROM NATURE,
NATURAL SIZE.

ENGRAVED BY THE RURAL NEW YORKER.

Keeney's

Rustless Golden Wax Dwarf Bean.

This new Bean, now first offered, combines hardiness and productiveness with fine quality; is a vigorous bush variety with entire freedom from rust. It puts forth short tendrils on which pods are formed in addition to those near the central stalk of the plant, which accounts for its great productiveness, amounting, under favorable conditions, to 100 to 150 fold. The pods, although flat when young, are meaty and well-filled, and semi-round later; of rich yellow color, fine quality, and entirely stringless, even when large enough to shell. If the pods are picked as fast as developed, the plant continues to furnish a bountiful supply for an unusually long season.

Each packet contains an ounce of beans, sixty to seventy-five in number, and if planted singly, ten inches apart in the row, and with the rows twenty-four to twenty-eight inches apart, two packets will produce, under favorable conditions, a sufficient supply for a family of six or eight persons.

Wholesale, \$7.00 per 100 pkts.

Four New POLE BEANS.

BURPEE'S SUNSHINE WAX. BURPEE'S SUNSHINE is a good, strong grower, but does not make such a rank growth of foliage as *The Golden Cluster*, while outyielding it in crop. The bright, light-yellow pods are borne in clusters of three and four at every joint of the vines, and on a pole in full bearing the yellow of the pods greatly predominates over the green of the foliage,—well warranting its name, *SUNSHINE*. The pods, six to eight inches long, are perfectly straight, and although flat when young, are meaty, of finest quality, and entirely stringless. The dry beans are rich brown in color, and of good quality for winter use. The great productiveness and hardiness of this variety render it particularly valuable for general cultivation, as, grown either on poles in the garden or with a field crop of corn, it can be used as a snap bean throughout the season and the surplus saved for winter use.

Per Bushel \$7.50.

NEW EARLY BLACK LIMA. This valuable early Pole Lima, first named and introduced by us, is fully ten days to two weeks earlier than any other Lima. The beans are so full and plump that the ends are crowded square, and partly overlap each other. The vines possess great vigor and wonderful productiveness, customers widely separated throughout the United States having sent us vines bearing 1647, 1695, 1908, 1954, and 2013 pods respectively, by actual count. The seeds, which are about half the size of the large Lima, do not rot in the ground so readily as the latter. The vine is a medium-vigorous grower, quite hardy, and enormously productive, the clusters being borne in such profusion upon the poles that they present the appearance of *veritable ropes of pods*. The pods have a uniform length of about three and a half inches and contain three and four beans each. The beans are of a dark-green color when cooked, and are noted for their extreme tenderness, delicate quality, and delicious flavor, both fresh and dried for winter use.

Per Bushel \$10.00.

WILLOW LEAF LIMA BEAN. Its great vigor, length of vine, and enormous productiveness is simply wonderful, single vines measuring more than sixteen feet and bearing over seventeen hundred pods. It differs from all other Beans known in its beautiful, *deeply cut* foliage, aptly described by its name—*Willow Leaf*. As the trifoliate leaves are of a rich, dark-green color, all pendent, it presents an attractive front. The vines are full of bloom and later become loaded with pods of uniform size. The pods are of the Sieva or Sewee type, larger in size than Henderson's Bush Lima, well filled with the pure white beans, which are tender and of fine flavor. It matures beans ready for the table very early, and bears throughout the season.

Per Bushel \$5.75.

HORTICULTURAL LIMA POLE BEAN. The introducer describes it as follows:—"It is a cross between the Common Lima and Horticultural beans. It has the shape of the former and color of the latter, while its flavor is a combination of these two finest of beans. It is very prolific, bearing five to seven beans in each pod, and is fully three weeks earlier than any other Lima. It can be grown in our Northern States and Canada where no other Lima will mature, and we believe it is the great bean of the future for the entire world." Tested at FORDHOOK FARM, we find it comes perfectly true from seed, but personally we prefer the *Early Black Lima* for green shelled beans—coming, as it does, even earlier.

Per Bushel \$6.00.





OF THE MANY NEW VEGETABLES first introduced into cultivation by us as enumerated on page 36 of FARM ANNUAL, seldom has any variety awakened such **an extraordinary demand** so quickly. Although first introduced in 1890, **BURPEE'S SADDLE-BACK** seems already to have become recognized everywhere as **the best Wax Bean in cultivation to-day**. While productive and profitable to grow for market, the **SADDLE-BACK**, unlike many recent "novelties," is of the **most superb quality**, surpassing all other Wax Beans in the rich flavor of its stringless, saddle-back pods. It originated in Genesee County, N. Y., with MESSRS. N. B. KEENEY & SON, who are the largest growers of Beans in the world. Among the scores of new cross-bred Beans which we have carefully examined on their farms, we singled out this distinct variety as the most valuable of all Wax Beans.

It is a cross between the *Yosemite Mammoth* or *Monster Wax* and the *Black-Eyed Wax*, and inherits quality from both parents. Again this year we contracted for the originators' entire crops, and consequently the genuine headquarters seed can only be had from us. Messrs. Keeney & Son have never sold a pint of these beans to any other seedsmen.

BURPEE'S SADDLE - BACK WAX, exclusively owned and controlled by us, marks *the greatest improvement yet obtained in Wax Beans*. In combining handsome appearance for market and rare quality for table use it is *unapproached by any other variety in cultivation*. Descriptive of the **SADDLE-BACK** we can hardly do better than quote the following from a letter written by the originators:—

WB "The pod is large, long, straight, round, *very full of meat*, and is *absolutely stringless*. The growth of the bush is vigorous, the foliage being sufficiently profuse to cover the ground in such a manner as to shade it and keep it moist, hence this variety is not likely to suffer severely, as do many other varieties, in a dry season. It is a very profuse bearer, the plants in ordinary field culture usually bearing from 25 to 40 pods each. . . . When the pods are broken between the beans there is no open space,—the pods being filled with meat, and can be sliced like a cucumber without showing any hollow space."

The **Saddle-back** character of the pods (as accurately shown in the engraving herewith), together with the superb quality, when placed on market, will eventually almost drive the flatter-pod beans out of cultivation. It has been tested by thousands of progressive gardeners, from whom we have received expressions of the *most enthusiastic praise*, with which we could fill many pages, all going to prove that **BURPEE'S SADDLE-BACK** is **unequaled in quality, with handsome, fleshy pods as thick as they are wide and always absolutely stringless**.

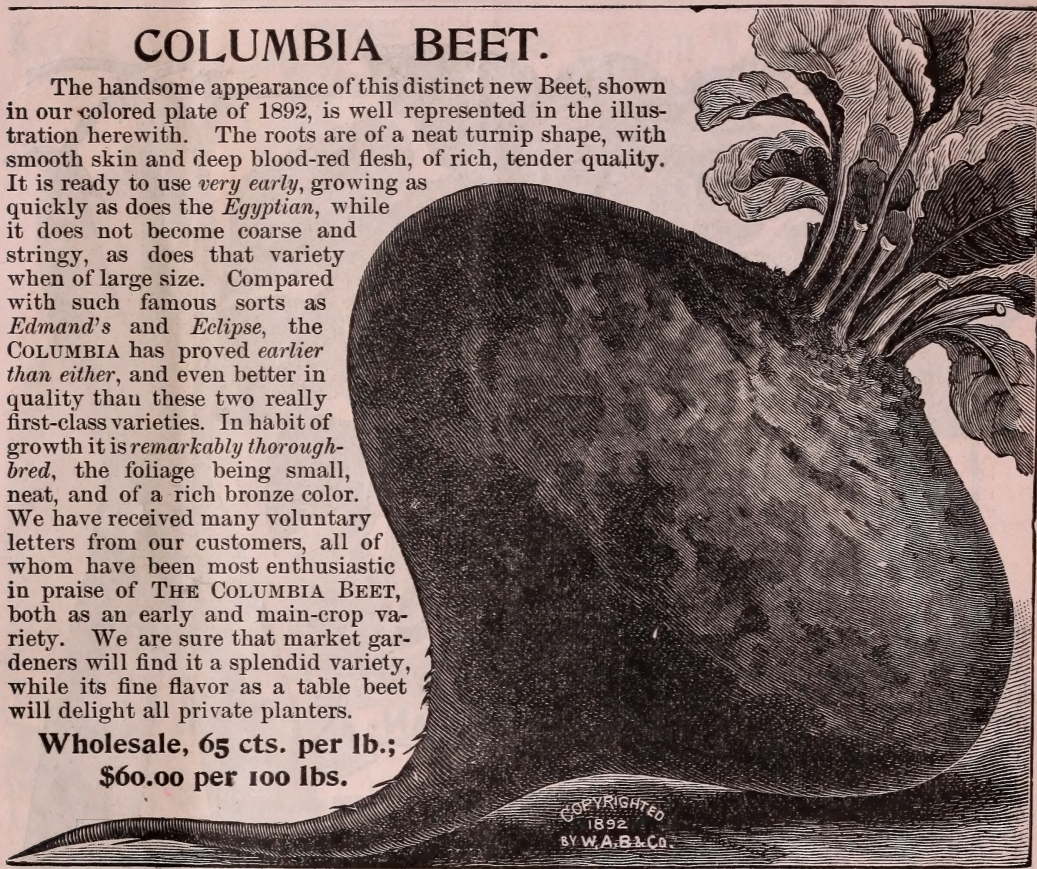
Wholesale, \$10.00 per bushel.

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COLUMBIA BEET.

The handsome appearance of this distinct new Beet, shown in our colored plate of 1892, is well represented in the illustration herewith. The roots are of a neat turnip shape, with smooth skin and deep blood-red flesh, of rich, tender quality. It is ready to use *very early*, growing as quickly as does the *Egyptian*, while it does not become coarse and stringy, as does that variety when of large size. Compared with such famous sorts as *Edmand's* and *Eclipse*, the COLUMBIA has proved *earlier than either*, and even better in quality than these two really first-class varieties. In habit of growth it is *remarkably thorough-bred*, the foliage being small, neat, and of a rich bronze color. We have received many voluntary letters from our customers, all of whom have been most enthusiastic in praise of THE COLUMBIA BEET, both as an early and main-crop variety. We are sure that market gardeners will find it a splendid variety, while its fine flavor as a table beet will delight all private planters.

Wholesale, 65 cts. per lb.;
\$60.00 per 100 lbs.



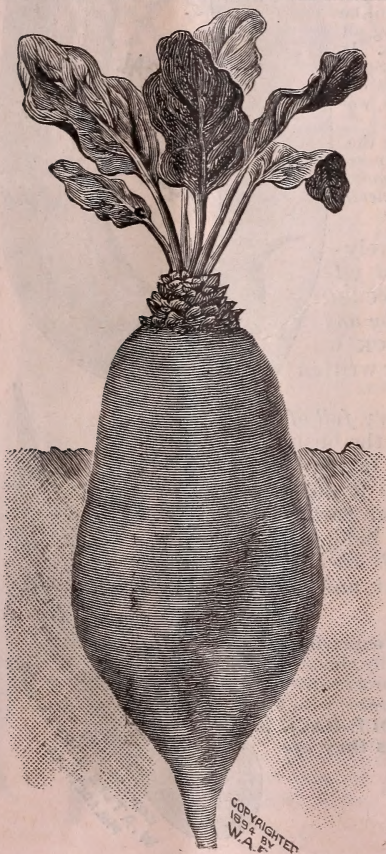
NEW DANISH IMPROVED SUGAR BEET.

As announced on page 29 of our new book, SELECTION IN SEED GROWING, we distributed thousands of packets of seed for trial of this new Sugar Beet developed in Denmark. Of this Beet our friend, Mr. J. Pedersen-Bjergaard, under date of December 6, 1893, wrote us from Copenhagen as follows:—

"This new variety of Sugar Beet for stock-feeding is particularly distinguished by its great productiveness in rich, deep, mouldy soil in good cultivation, nearly (and sometimes fully) approaching the standard varieties of Mangel Wurzels in yield of bulk (they standing closer than the Mangels), in connection with a high percentage of sugar and absence of deleterious salts, sometimes contained in Mangels in too great proportion. For fattening purposes and for feeding to Milch Cows, in cases where a liberal flow of rich, creamy milk is the main object (for butter production), this variety of root is, where the proper soil is at disposal, especially to be recommended."

We need only add that it has done excellently in America. The accompanying illustration has been engraved accurately from a photograph taken at FORDHOOK FARM. It is one of the cleanest and best beets for cattle feeding that we have.

Wholesale, 50 cts. per lb.; \$45.00 per 100 lbs.



BURPEE'S BUSH LIMAS Withstand the Drought.

J. N. GRIFFITH, East Rockaway, L. I., Aug. 7, 1894, writes:—We have picked our first mess of BURPEE'S BUSH LIMA BEANS to-day. The whole family and several guests pronounced them *delicious*, although several of the number said they did not generally like Lima Beans. I presume, however, there is no question as to the quality of the BURPEE BUSH LIMA. We have had the worst drought ever known on Long Island, and all kinds of vegetables have shriveled up, even Corn has failed to set, but *Burpee's Bush Limas have grown through it all*, and are full of pods and blossoms without even being wet. My Pole Beans, including varieties of Limas, are a total failure.

EARLY FORDHOOK SWEET CORN.

EARLY FORDHOOK is undoubtedly the largest-eared early Corn, averaging in length fully seven inches. The grains and cob are pure white. The ears are eight-rowed with very small cobs and unusually deep grains. The quality is excellent, *decidedly sweeter than any other first early Sweet Corn.*

Our grower, one of the most practical Corn growers in Connecticut, says:—

"It is of sweet and excellent flavor, so much superior to Cory that one would never think of eating Cory after once tasting this. A great objection to the Cory, which is one of the best-known standard early Corns, is its tendency to smut, while this new early variety is entirely free from smut; in fact, with the exception of FORDHOOK EARLY, I have never known a very early Corn that would not have an occasional smutty stalk."

It was taken to market with Cory, with the result that customers showed a decided preference for EARLY FORDHOOK, not wanting Cory afterward. The stalks grow about five feet high and average two ears each. In some instances it has ripened one to two days earlier than Cory and in other cases one to two days later, so that it may be said to *equal Cory in earliness*, while far surpassing it or any other early Sweet Corn in size, quality, sweetness, and entire freedom from smut.

The value of FORDHOOK EARLY can be known when we say that competent judges have pronounced it superior to Crosby in flavor, while it is five to six days earlier. *It remains fit for table use longer than any early Corn now known*, and can always be thoroughly enjoyed, whereas Cory, after use a few times, is not relished because of its comparatively poor flavor and lack of real sweetness.

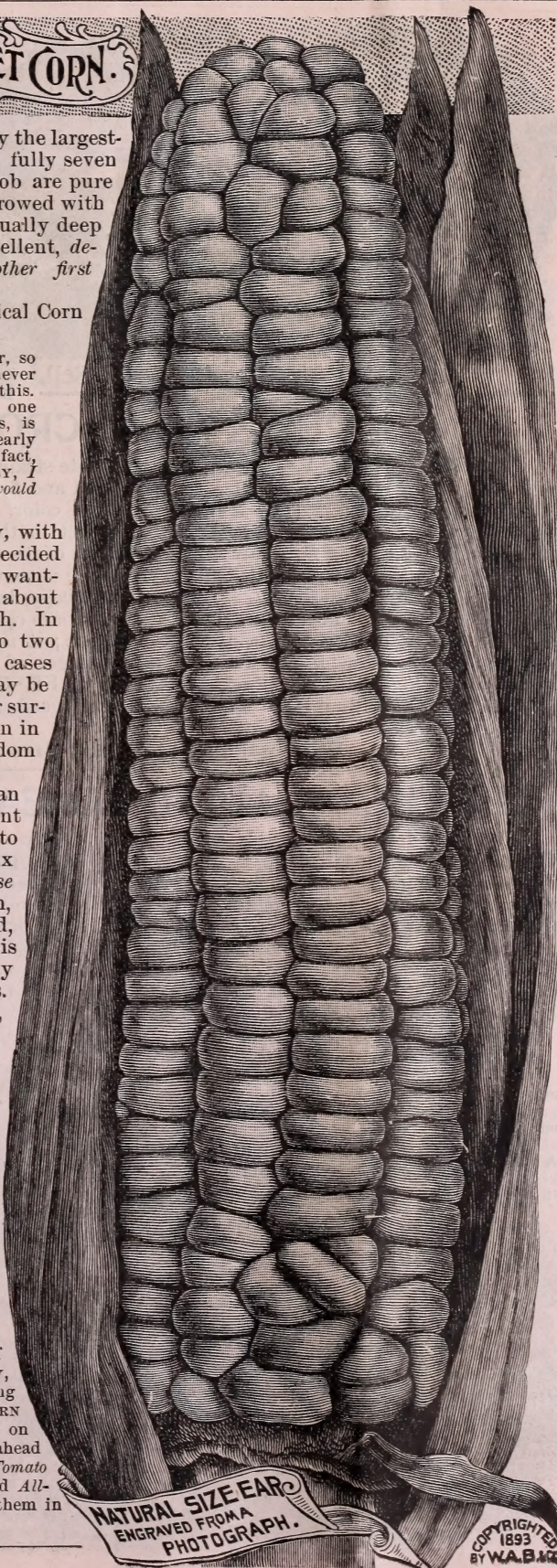
For large, white ears, sweetness, and the length of time it remains fit for use, FORDHOOK EARLY will now take first place as *the finest extra early Sweet Corn for both the market gardener and private planter.*

Per pkt. 10 cts.; pint 25 cts.; quart 50 cts., postpaid by mail.

Wholesale, \$5.00 per bushel.

Few Seeds Equal and None Better.

FRANK G. MCCOLLUM, Croton Falls, N.Y., August 2, 1894, writes:—Another year's trial of your seed convinces me that there are few equal, very few, and none better. After planting them for twelve years along with those of many of the leading seedsmen of this country, I think I ought to know what I am talking about. Our EARLY FORDHOOK SWEET CORN is *the finest I ever saw*; it grew two ears on nearly every stalk and was in flavor way ahead of all other early varieties. Fordhook First Tomato and Burpee's Stringless Green Pod Bean and All-head Early Cabbage are what you claim for them in every respect.





Safe to Crop,—Safe to Keep,—Safe to Sell.

BURPEE'S SAFE-CROP CABBAGE.

BURPEE'S SAFE-CROP is a large, late strain of market gardener's Cabbage, *which is sure to head*. The heads are of large size, hard and firm, with but few outside leaves; stems short, foliage compact, and of a beautiful green color. The plants are thrifty, easily transplanted; set in rows three feet apart and two feet in the rows to admit of cultivation. It is a very desirable variety for a late crop on account of its solidity, and because it is an excellent winter keeper. It also stands a considerable time without bursting. In quality it is not quite equal to **BURPEE'S SUREHEAD** as a summer Cabbage, being slightly strong, but it improves as the season advances, making a *winter Cabbage hard to equal*. The thick, flat heads are remarkably uniform in color, as well as in shape and size; it is a rapid grower and well repays good cultivation. It is very tender and juicy at all stages of growth, *cares little for the worms, and will stand a hot, dry time remarkably well*. The **SAFE-CROP** will, without a doubt, prove a favorite Cabbage with private as well as market gardeners when its many excellent qualities become known.

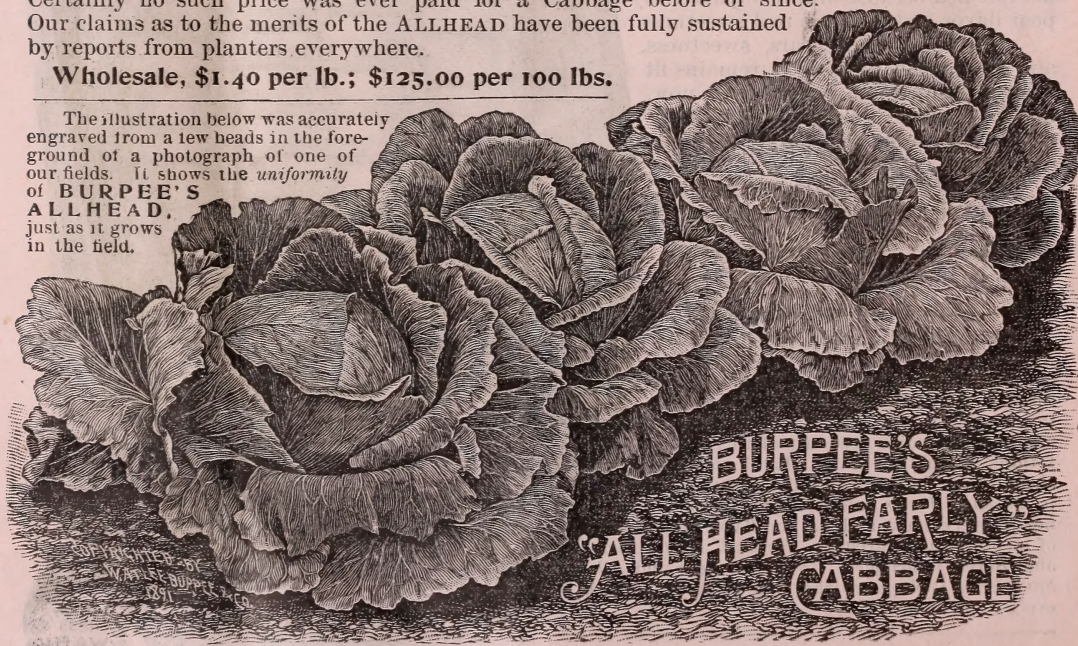
Wholesale, \$1.15 per lb.; \$110.00 per 100 lbs.

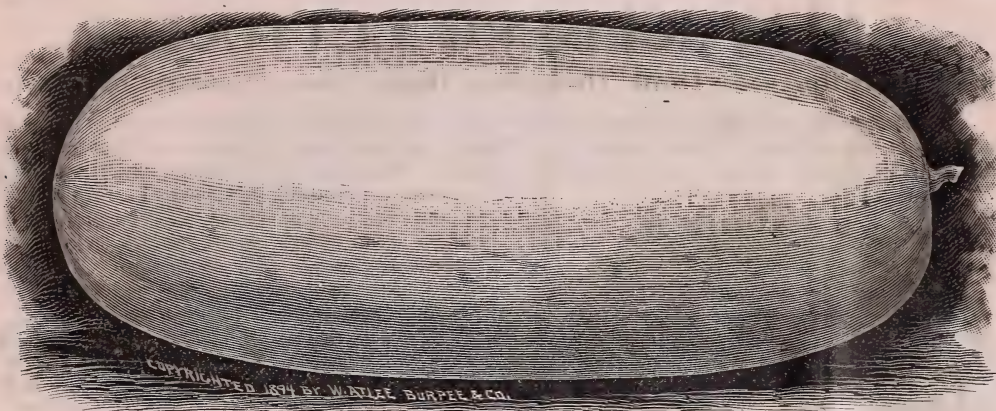
BURPEE'S ALLHEAD EARLY CABBAGE.

If planters everywhere only knew the superlative excellence of the **ALLHEAD Early Cabbage**, even our large supply of seed would not suffice to meet the demand. *It is undoubtedly altogether unequalled as an early summer Cabbage, and is fully as good for winter use, being really an all-the-year-round Cabbage*. Our high opinion of this grand new Cabbage was shown at first by the fact that in addition to a two years' contract for seven thousand pounds of seed, we paid a cash bonus of one thousand dollars for the exclusive right of its name and introduction. Certainly no such price was ever paid for a Cabbage before or since. Our claims as to the merits of the **ALLHEAD** have been fully sustained by reports from planters everywhere.

Wholesale, \$1.40 per lb.; \$125.00 per 100 lbs.

The illustration below was accurately engraved from a few heads in the foreground of a photograph of one of our fields. It shows the *uniformity* of **BURPEE'S ALLHEAD**, just as it grows in the field.



BURPEE'S WHITE WONDER CUCUMBER. *Accurately Engraved from a Photograph.*

BURPEE'S WHITE WONDER CUCUMBER.

The WHITE WONDER surpasses *Burpee's White Pearl*, both in handsome appearance and fine quality, while its strong, vigorous, extremely healthy habit of growth enables the vines to produce a large crop of perfect fruit, even under adverse conditions. Its strong constitution is remarkable; even in the exceptionally unfavorable season of 1892 we lost scarcely a plant, either by weather or disease, the strong, vigorous vines retaining their full, green foliage until the cucumbers were almost ripe for seed.



The cucumbers are thickly set throughout the length of the vine and are uniform in color, shape, and size; they average about eight inches long by two to two and a half inches through; the skin is thin, but tough, and the pearly white flesh is *exquisitely fine in quality*, quite brittle, and remains solid for a long time. The color is always ivory white. Owing to unusual hardness of constitution, the WHITE WONDER can be planted earlier than most other Cucumbers, and is also a *sure cropper*.

Wholesale, 80 cts. per lb.; \$75.00 per 100 lbs.

FORDHOOK WHITE SPINE CUCUMBER. *Accurately Engraved from a Photograph.*

FORDHOOK WHITE SPINE CUCUMBER.

THE FORDHOOK has the perfect form shown in above illustration, and is a marked improvement over all other strains of White Spine. The cucumbers are almost cylindrical in shape, slightly pointed at the ends, and handsome in appearance, being perfectly smooth and not ridged, as in other strains. The vines are of vigorous growth and enormously productive, the fruits retaining their dark-green color after being picked longer than any other variety; even when practically *white* they still present a greenish tinge. Unequaled alike for market and for commercial pickles.

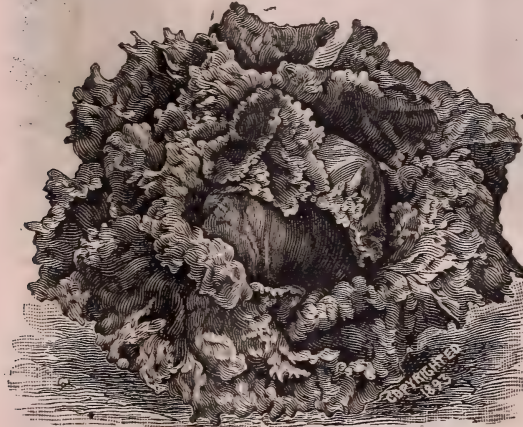


Wholesale, 55 cts. per lb.; \$50.00 per 100 lbs.

NEW ICEBERG LETTUCE.

Quick Growing. — Hard, Handsome Heads. — Exquisite in Flavor.

Our customers will surely remember the beautiful colored plate of this distinct new Lettuce shown in last year's FARM ANNUAL. There is no handsomer or more solid Cabbage Lettuce in cultivation—in fact, it is strikingly beautiful. The large, curly leaves which cover the outside of the solid heads are of a bright, light green, with a very slight reddish tinge at the edges; they have small indents, which are constantly filled with dewdrops. They are thus kept fresh, and show a remarkably crystalline appearance, which well warrants the name of ICEBERG.



NEW ICEBERG LETTUCE.

heads of Lettuce, and we confidently recommend the NEW ICEBERG LETTUCE as surpassingly fine for the home garden and equally valuable for market; its beautiful appearance insures quick sales.

Wholesale, \$1.35 per lb.; \$125.00 per 100 lbs.

FORDHOOK EARLY WATERMELON.

MR. PAYNTER FRAME, of Delaware, originator of the FORDHOOK EARLY, says:—

"This new Melon has been grown side by side with all other early sorts, and has proven itself to be the *earliest* of all."

We have had early Melons of good quality (notably *Burpee's Hungarian Honey* and *Phinney's Early*), but this is the *first extra early watermelon* of fine quality that is also of *large size*. From seed planted on the tenth day of May, large, ripe melons were picked the last week in July, thus demonstrating its inbred character of maturing *extra early*.



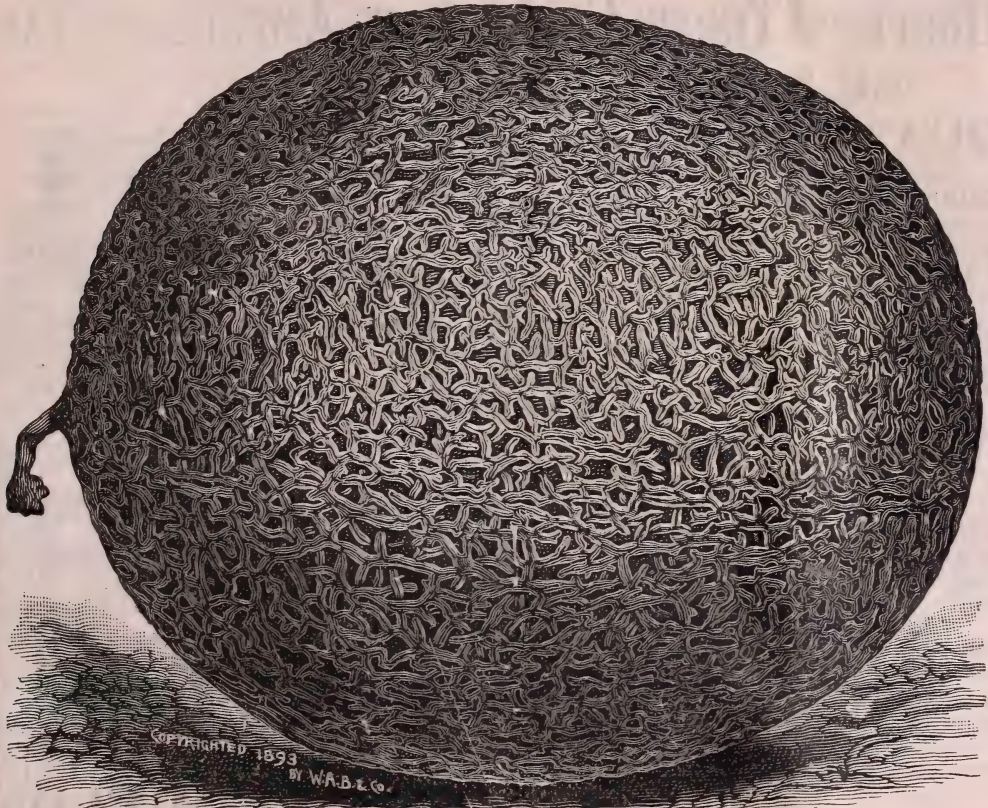
ENGRAVED FROM A Photograph on wood OF THE MELON.

As shown in the illustration, engraved from a photograph directly on the wood, the form is nearly round. The average weight of the melons, even during an exceptionally bad season, was *thirty-five pounds each*,—a size rarely attained by any other extra early melon under favorable conditions. The rind is tough, making it a valuable variety for shipping; the outer color is a uniform medium-green; the seeds are white; the flesh is

bright red and very sweet. Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 15 cts.; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb 50 cts.; per lb \$1.50, postpaid.

— Above are Retail Prices for 1895. For years we have not —
— been able to supply the demand, but can now supply the seed at —

Wholesale, 80 cts. per lb.; \$75.00 per 100 lbs.

BURPEE'S MELROSE MELON. *Accurately Engraved from a Photograph.*

—BURPEE'S MELROSE MELON.—

The Most Handsome and Decidedly the BEST of All New Cantaloupes.

BURPEE'S MELROSE MELON, introduced in 1893, has fully sustained our claims that it is the best of all musk-melons. It is a very hardy, strong, and vigorous grower, the vines remaining green longer than any other variety. The melons are produced abundantly, and very close to the hill,—a feature of the greatest value. The color is rich, dark green; the shape is oval, as shown in the illustration. The melons average in weight about four pounds, and are finely and densely netted, showing but slight tendency to rib; the form is remarkably perfect and true; all-in-all, the handsomest and most showy of all melons. The flesh is very thick and solid; *clear, light green in color, shading to a rich salmon at the seed cavity.* In flavor THE MELROSE cannot be equaled by any other variety, and carries its superior quality and sweetness to the extreme edge of the skin. It is about one week later in ripening than the small early Jenny Lind. This superb new variety will produce more good, salable melons, "hold up" longer, stand more handling and rough usage, than any other known, thus making it the best and most desirable, either for home or market purposes.



Per pkt. 10 cts.; oz. 25 cts.; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb 75 cts.; per lb \$2.50.

The history of the MELROSE MELON is as follows: Late in the fall of 1885, one of our most expert Melon growers, in going over a field after the vines had died, was surprised to find a few specimens "holding up," while for some time all other melons had gone. Upon examination he was still further surprised to find that the melons retained their full sweetness and flavor. He at once began to investigate as to its exact origin, but without success, eight or ten varieties having been grown close together that season. The seed, however, was carefully saved, and after repeated selection we now offer it fixed in type, and as true as any melon grown. In looking over our growing crops during the unfavorable season of 1893, we were really astonished at the radical difference presented between the crop of MELROSE and all other melons. The season was one of the poorest we have had for a number of years, owing to the long-continued drought, and while the vines of other varieties were almost dead, the MELROSE not only remained healthy and green, but produced fruit in abundance and of the finest quality, thus demonstrating an inherent strength and vigor. We predict that as soon as its merits are fully known THE MELROSE will become not only a general favorite for the home table on account of its superb quality and great beauty, but that it will also rank as a leading market Melon, commanding the highest prices wherever placed on sale.

Wholesale, \$1.40 per lb.; \$125.00 per 100 lbs.

BURPEE'S THREE GRAND NEW AMERICAN PEAS.

BURPEE'S QUANTITY PEA.

Immensely productive, BURPEE'S QUANTITY produces more pods to the vine (more bushels of pods to a given area), and more shelled peas to a bushel of pods, than any other variety, excepting only our new Pea, BURPEE'S PROFUSION. The vine grows two and a half to two and three-quarters feet in height, and is of the most remarkable branching character.

as many as six main branches or haulms starting directly from the root at the surface of the ground; of very stout growth, the foliage is a healthy green, and the vines are crowded with pods, generally borne in pairs. Under ordinary field culture they averaged fifty pods each, while we have counted as many as *ninety pods on a single vine*. The pods are three inches long, and contain seven to nine large peas, so closely crowded together that they are flattened on the sides; the quality is very good.

The illustration herewith is exactly natural size, and it will be seen that these compact, well-filled, handsome pods, borne in such wonderful abundance, are much more profitable to grow and will sell much better on market than the long, windy pods, sparingly produced, of certain new English varieties lately introduced. Planted May 2d, the peas were ready for eating July 5th, and continued long in bearing. In *Quantity* very fine; while in *Quantity*, **Burpee's Quantity Pea** far outyields all the older main crop varieties. Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.; pint 25 cts.; quart 45 cts., postpaid.

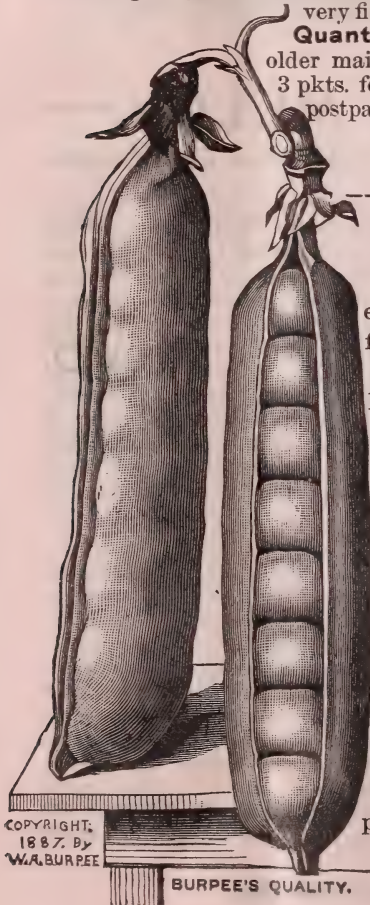


BURPEE'S QUANTITY.

Wholesale, \$4.75 per bushel.

BURPEE'S QUALITY PEA.

Planted May 2d, the peas were ready June 28th, about a week earlier than *Burpee's Quantity*. The plants average two and a half feet high, of robust growth, with fine, dark-green foliage, branching from the first three to five nodes above the surface of the ground. Each plant bears from forty to seventy-five pods. The pods are produced in pairs, are three inches long, and contain six to eight peas each. While not so immensely productive as *Burpee's Quantity*, nevertheless in our trial grounds **BURPEE'S QUALITY** outyields such popular sorts as *Bliss's Ever-bearing*, *American Champion*, and *Telephone*, while **its quality is unequalled**. The peas are of very fine flavor, being peculiarly sweet and sugary. All who have tested its superb quality on the table pronounce it the *sweetest and most exquisite in flavor* of all peas. It retains the fine, fresh, green color when cooked, even when the peas are old; other varieties at the same advanced state would be considered too old to use. In *Quantity* abundant; in *Quality* it is the most luscious of all. Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.; pint 25 cts.; quart 45 cts., postpaid.



BURPEE'S QUALITY.

Wholesale, \$5.00 per bushel.

NEW TOMATO—FORDHOOK FIRST

In connection with the *Iceberg Lettuce* we showed several fruits of this new Tomato in our colored plate last year, and said:—Notwithstanding the frequent production of new Tomatoes, it is five years since we have found one really worthy of introduction. This new Tomato, **FORDHOOK FIRST**, will fill a long-felt want, for while it is, as shown in our painting, a perfectly smooth, solid tomato of first-class appearance, it is also extremely early,—ready to mar-



ket as soon as the rough, unshapely fruits of poor quality of the old Early Richmond type. The varieties of this type, such as *Earliest of All*, *Early Ruby*, *Atlantic Prize*, *King of the Earlies*, etc., although repeatedly tested at **FORDHOOK**, we have never offered, as we considered their quality and form too poor for either market or home use. Therefore we recommend **FORDHOOK FIRST** and invite special attention to the testimony of the well-known Connecticut growers:—



FORDHOOK FIRST TOMATO.

Accurately Engraved from a Photograph, exactly natural size.

This is to Certify, That we have sold to MESSRS. W. ATLEE BURPEE & Co. our entire crop of first-class selected seed of the new Tomato, to be known as "**FORDHOOK FIRST**," with the exclusive privilege of its introduction. Your selection of a name is most happy, as this has been **THE FIRST TOMATO** to appear in our local markets for the past three or four seasons, and the prefix "**FORDHOOK**" carries with it endorsement to all who know the careful comparative trials conducted on your farm. As the manager of your trial grounds carefully inspected the field crop on our farm last week, he knows how early and how uniformly perfect is this novelty.

It is the only perfectly smooth and solid Tomato of which we know that gets to market as early as the rough and unshapely fruits of poor quality from such sorts as *Early Ruby*, *Atlantic Prize*, etc., all of which we have carefully tested and discarded for this much more desirable variety. In fact, the fruit of your **FORDHOOK FIRST** commanded last season \$2.00 per one-half bushel in our market when the best selected *Rubies* went begging at \$1.50 per one-half bushel.

(Signed) S. D. WOODRUFF & SONS.

Messrs. WOODRUFF & SONS are well known, extensive market gardeners, and all seedsmen particularly will appreciate the value of their endorsement above, when we state that it was with these same critical growers that the now widely known *Country Gentleman Sweet Corn* originated and was developed.

THE RURAL NEW YORKER is recognized as a high authority in judging the merits of new vegetables from careful trials. We quote from page 522, issue of August 18, 1894:—

FORDHOOK FIRST Tomato, introduced this year by W. ATLEE BURPEE & Co., began to ripen at the Rural Grounds July 28th. We have tried nearly all of the first earlies for many years, as they have been introduced, and have not found that earliness has proven anything like a fair equivalent for irregularity in form and inferiority in quality. We find **FORDHOOK FIRST** as early as any we have tried, generally perfectly smooth, ripening evenly about the stem, heavy, solid, with a tough skin, of medium size (or a little below), and of a color between the crimson of the *Acme* and the orange-red of the *Ignotum*.

Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.; per oz. 50 cts.

Our New Tomato, **FORDHOOK FIRST**.

A. B. COLEMAN, Princeton, Ky., August 28, 1894, writes:—You will please permit me to congratulate you upon the introduction of so valuable an acquisition as the **FORDHOOK FIRST TOMATO**. This Tomato with me is as early as any Tomato in cultivation; good size, perfectly smooth, enormously productive, and of excellent quality. I regard it in all respects as a first-class extra early Tomato, which will take the place of all other varieties of its season. The **Fordhook** is **THE** Tomato of all extra early varieties.

Finest, Handsomest, and Largest Early Tomatoes.

A. GASSMAN, Sanborn, N. Y., August 1, 1894, writes:—I cannot help but express the surprise I had with your **FORDHOOK FIRST TOMATO**. Of all the Tomatoes I have ever tried, these are certainly the finest, handsomest, and largest early tomatoes, and as smooth as can be desired. I have shown them to-day to one of my neighbors, a market gardener, and he said he would take 2000 plants of **Fordhook First** next spring at \$6.00 per thousand.

Wholesale, 30 cts. per oz.; \$4.00 per lb.

NEW AND SPECIAL FLOWER SEEDS.

FOR 1895

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Besides thousands of greenhouse tests for vitality, we made 6722 trials for purity and merit at FORDHOOK FARM the past season; of these 3514 were flowers from seed. We thus know that these NEW AND SPECIAL FLOWERS are sure to give *entire satisfaction* and *real delight* to all who love beautiful flowers. Numerous so-called "Novelties" are not catalogued because they can only result in disappointment to the planter, many being merely of botanical interest. Under the care of skilled gardeners we devote many acres at FORDHOOK FARM to the growth of these "SPECIAL FLOWER SEEDS," while others are raised on contract both at home and abroad,—making a superior stock composed of **only the BEST SEEDS** that grow.

VICK'S WHITE BRANCHING ASTER. A new variety, of American origin. Of branching character, the magnificent large, double white flowers, quite four inches in diameter, are borne upon long stems, making them excellent for cutting. The long, broad petals are frequently twisted and curled in such a manner as to give the blossom the appearance of a large, graceful chrysanthemum. *We cannot recommend this distinct New White Aster too highly for cut flowers.* The seed is all of our own growing at FORDHOOK FARM.

Wholesale, \$4.00 per ounce.

Burpee's Defiance Balsams.



First introduced by us in 1890, these are undoubtedly the most perfect in form and largest in flower yet developed, and will prove a complete revelation to those unacquainted with the remarkable perfection now attained in this old garden favorite. Of the hundreds of visitors to our seed grounds annually, every one freely admits that BURPEE'S DEFIANCE BALSAMS are decidedly the largest and finest they have ever seen, while many are amazed that such remarkable perfection could have been secured even by long-continued selection. In our trial grounds during six years past we have, for the sake of comparison, tested more than four hundred samples of Balsams, from both American and European growers, but there were none to equal BURPEE'S DEFIANCE in uniform doubleness and large size of flowers. Of such substance are the large double flowers that many of the plants, although crowded with bloom, yield but two or three fertile pods of seed. The seed, consequently, unless the strain should be allowed to deteriorate, must always be high in price. We now offer eight colors of this unequaled strain.

BURPEE'S DEFIANCE BALSAMS.

FINEST MIXED. This mixture is composed, in nearly equal proportions, of all the eight colors—each having been grown separately.

Wholesale, \$1.50 per oz.;
\$20.00 per lb.

Fordhook Tricolor.

This remarkably colored variety is the result of five years' careful selection. Its striking distinctness is in the color of the flowers, which, as the name signifies, are three colored,—first, a white ground, then, in high contrast, irregular, bright-red stripes, which seem to cast a soft shade of pink, the three colors showing distinctly to the casual eye. The plants make a beautiful growth, and bear superb spikes of flowers in great profusion. The flowers of this unusual variety are so double and they form so little seed that it has taken us all these years to get a quantity sufficient to offer. But we have been well repaid, and our friends and customers can order it as the most remarkable Balsam in cultivation.



BURPEE'S DEFIANCE BALSAM. Type of Plant, from a Photograph.

Fordhook Fancy.

The rather dwarf plants branch freely into dense, bushy forms; each branch, from base to top, is fairly loaded with perfectly beautiful flowers. The individual flowers are often two inches across; the petals are beautifully reflexed, exhibiting unequaled tones of soft, rich, salmon-pink colors, which fairly glow with mellow light. The wonderfully free-flowering habit of this plant and its exquisite colors will delight everyone.

Wholesale, \$6.00 per 100 pkts.

Wholesale, \$10.00 per 100 pkts.



This new strain of LARGE-LEAVED COLEUS has been so improved since it was first offered that it is now simply superb. The matchless plants are very vigorous and healthy, growing in a short time to an unusually large size. The leaves are really wonderful, extremely large, and of lasting substance, curled and serrated in a beautiful manner; the colors, variegations, and markings are regally rich and brilliant. The diversity of shades and combinations of colors are most agreeable, - seldom is it possible to find two plants alike. With all their brilliant beauty the plants are as easily grown from seed as the common Coleus. In our beds at FORDHOOK FARM the past summer we frequently measured leaves ten to thirteen inches long by nine and twelve inches broad.

Wholesale, \$6.00 per 100 pkts.; \$40.00 per ounce.

Dwarf Marguerite Carnation,—New Mammoth White.

In the garden of the originator we were particularly impressed with the NEW GIANT PURE WHITE, which was *absolutely true*, with magnificent flowers, measuring over two inches in diameter. Independent of the fact that these Carnations bloom as quickly from the seed as do Annuals, we do not know to-day of a better White Carnation.

Per pkt. 15 cts.; 2 pkts. for 25 cts.; 10 pkts. for \$1.00.

Wholesale, \$3.00 per ounce.

HOUSTONIA CÆRULEA.—BLUETS, or Quaker Lady.

A Beautiful Native Flower from the Woods of FORDHOOK FARM.

Though known botanically for a long time, it is a curious fact that the seed is unknown in the trade, and we are now the first to offer it. After we had begun its cultivation, it is an interesting coincidence that "THE GARDEN," the leading English authority, should also have pictured and presented this beautiful little plant from specimens growing at the Kew Gardens, London. It is certainly a gem of beauty and neatness. As soon as spring sets in it opens its bright little flowers and continues blooming profusely until the middle of June. The plants fairly carpet the ground, presenting a perfect mass of bloom at a height of only three to four inches. At first sight the whole appearance of the plant is that of a Lobelia, but upon closer examination you will find it is quite different. The flowers are bell-shaped, color either light blue or pale-lilac, with a yellow center. When the flowers are past, the plants form neat little rosettes which fairly carpet the ground. It delights in half shady positions and thrives as well on dry as on moist land. It grows easily from seed and will bloom the first season. It is very hardy and lives through the coldest winters.

Per pkt. 15 cts.; 2 pkts. for 25 cts.



HOUSTONIA CÆRULEA. From a Photograph.

Wholesale, \$6.00 per 100 pkts.; \$50 per 1000 pkts.

—IMPERIAL GERMAN PANSIES.—

No other strain can surpass, if indeed equal, THE IMPERIAL GERMAN in their almost endless variety of charming shades of color, united with *large size and perfect form* of flowers. The plants are compact in growth, and flower very profusely. They continue to bloom most freely throughout the entire summer, the flowers being much larger and finer than in the old strains. They embrace all the solid or self colors; delicately-shaded flowers; five-spotted on backgrounds of every color; large-spotted; edged or bordered flowers of various colors, each with a distinct rim of white, yellow, or blue; dark and light marbled varieties; flowers with clear, distinct eyes; striped flowers of striking beauty, and vividly colored fancy varieties.



IMPERIAL GERMAN PANSY—ODIER OR FIVE-SPOTTED.

Wholesale, \$3.00
per oz.; \$37.50 per lb.



This luxuriantly flowering vine is a most welcome addition to the list of annual climbers, and as a late, beautiful, and prolific bloomer should have a place in every flower-garden, or wherever bare walls or unsightly objects are to be hidden from the eye.

It blooms later in the season than other varieties, being at its best when earlier climbers are brown and dead.

Erect racemes of bright-yellow blooms, similar in shape to half-opened pea blossoms, form at every joint, and the leaves and stems are covered with downy, grayish hairs, producing a most novel effect. The outer surface of the petals is rich brown, interior space or standards soft, glowing canary-yellow. The blossoms are succeeded by slender, rounded pods, which lend additional beauty to the vines, and are far more effective than the broad, coarse pods found in other varieties. In our trials the past season at FORDHOOK FARM the denser foliage of this *new Dolichos* stood out in striking contrast to others, covering the poles with a heavy mass of vines when most other varieties were but half way up the poles.

—Wholesale, \$1.25 per lb.—

New Sweet Pea, American Belle.



First introduced last year, we now have this variety so that it comes quite true from seed, which, unfortunately, was not the case last season. It shows an important departure from the colorings and markings of all other varieties,—being neither striped nor mottled, but distinctly spotted. The standard is clear, bright rose of uniform coloring; wings of crystal-white with bright purplish-carmine spots. The flowers are very large, of good substance, and finely formed, while the standard does not have that tendency to droop so common in other large-flowered varieties. Of such good substance are the flowers that they remain perfect and keep well in a bouquet for a long time, thus rendering this variety most desirable for cut flowers.

RETAIL, per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.; per oz. 40 cts.

Wholesale, \$2.25 per lb.; 10 lbs. at \$2.00 per lb.

DESCRIPTION OF ECKFORD'S NEW WHITE SWEET PEA, "BLANCHE BURPEE."

A white-seeded, pure white of exquisite form and immense size, having a bold, rigid, upright, shell-shaped standard of great substance; is a wonderfully profuse bloomer, and absolutely free from the objectionable notch so conspicuous in Queen of England and Emily Henderson. It usually bears three flowers on a stem; a very chaste variety, and *by far* THE FINEST SWEET PEA EVER PRODUCED.—*Mr. Eckford's own description.*

In Eckford's original packets: Per pkt. 25 cts.; 5 pkts. for \$1.00.

Wholesale, 10 pkts. for \$1.75; 100 pkts. for \$15.00.

MR. HENRY ECKFORD, under date of September 27, 1894, writes us as follows:—

"It has been pronounced by the horticultural press all through this season *by far* the finest White Sweet Pea, having a fine, shell-shaped standard which is upright and rigid, and, like all the Eckford varieties, is free from that objectionable notch so conspicuous in Emily Henderson and Queen of England, in which respect these two latter are identical. BLANCHE BURPEE received a first-class certificate at Birmingham on August 4, 1894, and a first-class certificate at the great flower show at Shrewsbury, August 22 and 23, 1894. I myself, too, am quite satisfied with the market value of this new White, as it must take its place before all others yet in commerce, and will command a great sale."

Never before has Mr. Eckford permitted any Sweet Pea originating with him to be introduced at so moderate a price, and as he has repeatedly stated, he considers "BLANCHE BURPEE" the finest of ALL the famous Sweet Peas that he has ORIGINATED. We appreciate the honor he has shown us in his selection of a name, which was entirely unsolicited, more than two years ago, prior to its first exhibition in London, where it was awarded a first-class certificate by THE ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY. This is the first time he has given an American name to any of his many varieties.



A Flower, natural size, of BURPEE'S DEFIANCE PETUNIA, as grown at Fordhook Farm.

BURPEE'S DEFIANCE LARGEST-FLOWERING PETUNIAS.

This grand strain is rightly entitled to the name **DEFIANCE**, as in many hundreds of trials at **FORDHOOK FARM** we have never found its equal. The illustration shows a single flower, accurately drawn from nature; this flower is in no way exaggerated, either in size, depth, or richness. We have frequently measured flowers *over five inches in diameter*, while the colors are indescribably rich and varied. They embrace all colors, from pure white to the darkest blue and deep red, while even flowers with a yellow tint are not unusual. All of the flowers are beautifully fringed and delicately and distinctly veined. In nearly every flower the throat is darker than the balance of the petals, imparting an appearance of great depth and substance. The leaves are large and heavy, of a rich, dark green, making a suitable background from which the flowers stand out in bold relief. This seed is exclusively of our own growing at **FORDHOOK FARM**.

Per pkt. 25 cts.; 3 pkts. for 60 cts.; 5 pkts. \$1.00.

Wholesale, $\frac{1}{8}$ oz. \$5.00; $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. \$19.00; per oz. \$37.50.

FORDHOOK FANCY FRINGED DOUBLE PETUNIAS.

For years we have made careful trials of Double Petunias, but this is better than any seed we have previously been able to obtain. In fact, an enthusiastic admirer on seeing these flowers exclaimed, "*They are revelations of beauty of form and color!*" They embrace a wide range of colors, and show finer combinations than we have heretofore found in any Double Petunias, including delicate mauve, porcelain blue, white, garnet, and velvet shades. The delicate blue and white flowers, freely produced, are particularly noteworthy. This carefully hybridized seed will yield a larger percentage of double flowers than any other Petunias in cultivation to-day.

Per pkt. 25 cts.; 5 pkts. for \$1.00.

Wholesale, \$10.00 per 100 pkts.; 1-32 oz. \$8.00.

Ricinus Zanzibarensis.

The New Giant Castor Oil Plant from Africa.

From seed sown in the open ground in May the plants are in full foliage early in July, and attain a height of twelve to fourteen feet. The leaves are fully two and a half feet broad, beautifully lobed; the whole plant has a distinct and novel appearance, enhanced in the sunshine by a bright metallic hue; they charm at first sight, and their usefulness is very great. Solitary on the lawn, it makes a perfect pyramid of foliage, thickly set with gigantic leaves; a dozen in a large bed make a most picturesque sight.

Have you an ugly-looking corner? Simply plant a few of these new Giant Castor Oil Beans and you will be surprised how quickly it disappears. As an ornamental subtropical plant the *RICINUS ZANZIBARENSIS* has no equal. We offer the finest home-grown seed at a moderate price.

Per pkt. 10 cts.; 3 pkts. for 25 cts.; per oz. 25 cts.; $\frac{1}{4}$ lb 75 cts.; per lb \$2.50, postpaid.

Special Wholesale, \$1.25 per lb.; 10 lbs. or over at \$1.00 per lb.



NEW MAMMOTH VERBENA,—FORDHOOK FAMOUS.



In FORDHOOK FAMOUS there has been developed a strain of TRULY MAMMOTH VERBENA, with uniformly magnificent trusses and flowers of unusual size and a wide range of colors. The blossoms are often larger than a silver quarter, and many are scarcely covered by a half-dollar. Take a quarter and try to cover a flower of the natural size corymb, produced from a photograph, illustrated herewith, and you will realize how magnificent in size are the single florets. The colors are varied and of all desirable markings. We purchased the entire product of first-class selected seed of this new type, which we have named FORDHOOK FAMOUS, consequently it can be had only from us. It is so grand that we want all our friends to have it, and hence offer the seed at a very moderate price.

Per pkt. 15 cts.; 2 pkts. for 25 cts.

Special Wholesale, \$6.00 per 100 pkts., \$50.00 per 1000 pkts., without our name or address appearing on the packets.

NEW FORDHOOK FAMOUS MAMMOTH VERBENA.
Engraved from a Photograph, natural size.

82 Excellent VEGETABLES.

—An Unequaled RECORD. In 18 Years all these were—

First Introduced by W. ATLEE BURPEE & CO., Philadelphia.

Certainly we may be permitted to point with pride to the **RECORD** here shown of **Eighty-two Excellent VEGETABLES**, enumerated below, *all of which were first introduced into general cultivation by us.* Experienced gardeners will recognize that **all are excellent and many UNEQUALED**,—having already become acknowledged as the **Standard of Excellence** in their respective classes. Grouped together, they emphasize our position as the introducers of more meritorious Novelties of real worth than any other American seedsmen.

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